

Minutes for the Paul Memorial Library Trustees

Meeting on February 1, 2016

Attending: Pam Burch, Kim Crisp, Win Fream, Chris Fernandes

The meeting was called to order at 6:40.

The minutes for January were accepted.

Treasurers Report:

Currently in our donation account we have \$2,273.75 and \$9,474.41 in our regular checking account.

Director's Report:

Pam's report is attached.

Building/grounds:

Doug Class installed hand rail and baby changing station in bathroom. The light timer is not working at front entrance. Pam will contact Doug and ask him to change out timer with a general electrical switch. Discussed demolishing well cap in backyard abutting the driveway. Win will rent a jackhammer to perform task. Kim will contact a concrete company to inquire about a new well covering. Concrete grout on front steps is cracking and missing in some places. Pam will contact former board member Lauren Hunt to ask who previously performed the work on the stairs. Pam will then contact said person to repair stairs. Discussed possibly moving mailbox next to book return in the Spring.

Patio/fire pit:

Win has been in contact with Mark Berry from UNH to find out who he should talk with at the University to help with the design of a patio and fire pit to be located in the library's back yard. Mark agreed to find a contact person. If a UNH design team comes, we will also inquire about adding new parking spaces. Chris will also talk with Brian Tarnowski about designing and building the patio and fire pit. Funds from the Pancake Breakfast will be used to design and build patio and fire pit.

Pancake Breakfast:

The Pancake Breakfast will take place on April 16th in coordination with the NYAA's field clean-up day. Kim will talk with the Nichols family about supplying pure maple syrup.

Pam's Review:

Trustees will meet to review Pam's performance. Pam will work on list of accomplishments and goals for upcoming year.

Movie Night for February:

Hotel Transylvania 2 will be shown on February 12th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. **Our next meeting will be on March 14 at 6:30.**

Director's Report for January 2016

New and Important

- Handrail and baby-changing station were installed, thanks Doug! He also replaced our smoke detector in the Children's Room and discovered we had one in the attic
- Jess is going to run our first-ever teen activity in February - Coloring on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm
- Need to have the timer to front lights fixed
- Two new magazine subscriptions ordered for Interweave Knits and Knitscene (\$49 for both) to support new knitting group
- Front steps will need some work in the spring – losing grout on corners

Book Clubs

Our Afternoon Book Club met on January 13 to discuss The House Girl with 9 members attending. The Evening group discussed Dollbaby on January 18 with 6 members attending.

New Knitting Group

Lauren Saltman has started a new knitting group that will meet weekly on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Part of this group used to meet at Main Street Art. She had a good attendance of 10 on January 21 and 7 on January 29. Karen Lynch will be donating some knitting books to our collection to help support this group.

Future Events

Friends Bake Sale during Primary Election **on February 9th**

Friends Poker Room in Hampton Falls fundraiser – **February 19-25**

School Vacation Week Activities:

Monday, 2/22 – LEGO Club 1-3 pm

Tuesday, 2/23 – Coloring for Teens 2:30-4:30

Wednesday, 2/24 –Board Games 1-3 pm

Thursday, 2/25 – Story, Snack & Craft 1-3 pm

Friday, 2/26 – Come Learn to Play Chess! 1-3 pm

The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie - Author Dan Szczesny, Wednesday, **February 24th** at 7:00

Hiker Dan Szczesny will be discussing his hike of "52 With a View" trails in NH.

Cows and Communities: How the Lowly Bovine Has Nurtured New Hampshire Through Four Centuries- Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm - Steve Taylor (NH Humanities Council)

Cattle were essential to the survival of the earliest New Hampshire settlements, and their contributions have been central to the life and culture of the state ever since. From providing human dietary sustenance to basic motive power for agriculture, forestry and transport, bovines have had a deep and enduring bond with their keepers, one that lingers today and is a vital part of the iconography of rural New Hampshire, even as dairy farming becomes ever more reliant on intensive modern science and technology. Where are New Hampshire's cows today and what are they doing?

Books for Babies - Saturday, April 9 from 10 am to 12 noon

Pancake Breakfast - **Saturday, April 16** - coordinated with NYAA Cleanup - form has been submitted to NES – coordinate with National Library Week Activities (April 10-16)

Friday, June 3 – Summer Reading Kickoff at 8:45 am at NES – Steve Blunt

Discovering New England Stone Walls - Wednesday, September 21st at 7 pm
Kevin Gardner will return for this wonderful presentation - may hold at Town Hall
sponsored by the New England Humanities Council

Attendance at events in January

Book Groups – 15
Preschool Story Times -37A/40C
Movie Night “Minions” - 9
Acoustic Jam Night - 3
LEGO Club and LEGO Contest - 11
Knitting - 15

Total = 139

Library Statistics for January

Patrons through the door – 417
Circulation – 751
Downloaded Audios and Books - 59
Total Circulation - 810

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Burch